









### TARGETED CALL

Selection procedure for qualifications and interviews aimed at the awarding of four research fellowships of the University of Teramo within the project H2020 MSCA CONFUND REP-EAT n°713714

#### THE RECTOR

## IN DUE CONSIDERATION OF

- the Statute of the University of Teramo;
- the legislative decree 30th June 2003, n. 196;
- the law of 30 December 2010, n. 240 and subsequent amendments and additions and, in particular, art. 18, paragraph 5;
- the rectoral decree 18 November 2014, n. 396, that discipline the University's rules and procedures for the awarding of scholarships and research grants;

### **GIVEN**

- the EU Regulation n. 2016/679 of 27 April 2016, related to the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data;
- the Rep Eat H2020 MSCA COFUND project approved by the Academic Senate and by the Board of Directors on 03/16/2016 in which the Rector is authorized to accept the clauses provided for by the Grant Agreement as well as the sound management of the assigned funds;
- the decision of the Supervisory Board of the REP-EAT project of 9 April 2019 which approved - following the proposal of the Project Coordinator, Prof. Barbara Barboni the budget re-allocation of the amount of 39583.00 Euro, that corresponded to the 21 monthly payments not used by candidate Kamal Niaz, and that is now allocated as coverage to 4 research prizes (research grants),

### CONSIDERING THAT

the research grants will be assigned in line with the European model of the Horizon 2020 Prizes;















- the eligibility and selection criteria approved with the same decision and verified with the REA referents

#### ASSESSED

- the full availability of funds to cover n. 4 research grants, for a total amount of € 39583.00 under the Rep Eat Project - University budget code AARI00037;

#### **DECREES**

#### Art. 1

### Description and characteristics

A comparative evaluation procedure is open and it will be managed through qualifications and interview in order to award four research grants to the "Early Stage Researchers (ESRs)" within the H2020 MSCA COFUND project entitled "Food quality and innovative food strategies to prevent reproductive and eating disorders - REP-EAT "Grant Agreement n. 713714 (REP-EAT below).

Grants are awarded as reward mechanism consistent with the Research Prizes of the Horizon 2020 Program (https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/prizes/horizon-prizes\_en ) and in compliance with the University regulations for the awarding of scholarships and research grants approved with DR No. 396 18/11/2014. The four research grants will start from the following day after the end of the three-year contract that each ESR has signed with the University of Teramo for the REP-EAT PhD Program. It will have a duration corresponding to what is specified in the art. 6 (Financing and duration of the grants). The conclusion of the scholarship must, however, occur the day of the public discussion of the doctoral thesis, in accordance with the provisions of the Grant Agreement of REP-EAT.

The research activity supported by the scholarships has to be in continuity with the topics that were developed during the REP-EAT PhD program, so to support the capitalization, the consolidation and the dissemination of the results of the program itself.















#### Art.2

## Eligibility criteria

The present call is a targeted one. Only, the 11 ESRs contracted by the University of Teramo within the REP-EAT project are considered eligible for the purposes of this selection.

#### Art. 3

# Application: submission procedure and deadline

The application procedure will be managed through a dedicated e-form that has to be sent by the project's electronic mailbox (repeat@unite.it).

The application must be received peremptorily by 02/14/2020, 1.00 pm. Application received after the aforementioned deadline will not be taken into account.

The application form includes as compulsory elements:

- a) surname and name of the Applicant;
- b) ESR project number.

The application is completed by filling out the e-form and by including the following annexes:

- 1. Europass CV (dated and signed and uploaded as a PDF) as per Link https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/sites/default/files/ecv\_template\_en.doc
- 2. information related to the publications produced during the doctoral program REP-EAT (the Evaluation Committee will assess only the publications for which the reference OpenAIRE code will be declared)
- 3. information related to the participation to scientific conferences as a participant by presenting a poster or an oral communication (only abstracts for which the reference OpenAIRE code has been declared will be taken into consideration for the evaluation of scientific conferences)
- 4. the eligibility form (uploaded as a PDF file)













- 5. the selection form (uploaded as a PDF file)
- 6. indication of the name, affiliation and e-mail address of tutors, supervisors or experts from whom the doctorate intends to receive reference letters
- 7. By signing the substitute declaration made pursuant to articles 46 and 47 of the D.P.R. n. 445/2000 attesting that all the information and data reported in the form are true.

Without prejudice to the cases of exclusion expressly indicated in the call for applications, the regularization of the applications which, even if received within the terms, should result formally irregular due to reparable, incomplete or non-conforming defects to the application form, may be requested at any time.

### Art. 4

#### **Evaluation Committee**

The Evaluation Committee, designated by the Supervisory Board of the project and authorized with a subsequent Rector's Decree, will consist of:

- the Project Coordinator,
- 2 external evaluators.

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The Committee will be integrated by the Project Manager with reporting function.

#### Art. 5

# **Evaluation and selection**

In execution of the Supervisory Board resolution of the REP-EAT project of 9 April 2019, the selection of candidates will take place through the evaluation of the qualifications criteria, supplemented by an interview.

The selection criteria will take into account the following parameters:

- 1. Impact of the activities carried out during the REP-EAT project in terms of:
- 1.1. Level of implementation of the activities carried out by the ESRs within the REP-EAT project (a. Research; b. Training; c. Communication; d. Dissemination and exploitation);
- 1.2. Networking generated during the project implementation;
- 1.3. Cumulative and Multiplier impact of the explored research lines;















- 1.4. Potential of the research results in terms of Technological Transfer and Industry-Academia Relations;
- 1.5. Robustness of research results;
- 2. Innovation:
- 2.1. Originality based on scientometric analysis;
- 2.2. Originality compared to other European projects.

The Evaluation Committee, after the control of the eligibility requirements, preliminarily defines the evaluation methods of the qualifications, up to a maximum of 40 points, and of the interview up to a maximum of 60 points.

The evaluation of the qualifications will be performed by applying the previous criteria and by taking into consideration as a preferential element the research activities carried out during the PhD program that will document integrated actions among at least 2 research areas set by the REP-EAT project.

The Evaluation Committee will then proceed to the interview, that can also be carried out on-distance for the ESRs who will be engaged in research activities abroad.

At the end of this stage, the Commission proceeds to the comparative evaluation of the candidates and will produce an individual evaluation summary, after which the final merit ranking of the suitable candidates will be defined.

Eligibility will be granted to candidates who have received an overall mark higher than 60/100.

The final merit ranking will be drawn by calculating the sum of the scores reported by each candidate in the evaluation of the qualifications and in the interview. Candidates with the same score shall be present, the priority will be given to the younger candidate.

The final merit ranking will be published on the University website and on the REP-EAT project website, after that the regularity of the records will be verified.













#### Art. 6

## Amount and duration of the research grants

The four research grants will be assigned according to the final position of the candidate in the ranking. The amounts of the grants will be defined according to the following scheme:

- 2 six-month research grants for the first two selected candidates;
- 1 5-month research grant for the third selected candidate;
- 1 4-month research grant for the fourth selected candidate.

The monthly amount of the Research Grants, calculated only on the EU component of the REP-EAT project budget, is € 1,873.34 tax-free.

#### Art. 7

# Research grants: conferment and incompatibility rules

The research grants will be formally awarded by approval decree of the Rector. The approval decree will be published on the University website as well as on the REP-EAT project website

The awarded ESRs must send a declaration of acceptance to the Department of Research - Unit "Doctoral Training" to the attention of Dr. Sergio Altitonante (saltitonante@unite.it), within 15 days from the publication of the merit ranking. The declaration must be sent via email and has to include the commitment to start the planned activity on the scheduled starting date. Not presenting such declaration of acceptance within the aforementioned period will be considered as a formal renounce of the research grant.

Whoever has made false declarations will be declared forfeited.

The awarded research grants cannot be combined with any other research grants or with any scholarship for any title conferred, except for those provided to cover extra-expenditure for secondment abroad. The awarded research grants cannot also be cumulated with salaries deriving from public or private employment contracts, even if these contracts refer to short and fixed term positions.













The awarded research grants are either not compatible with fees deriving from any autonomous professional contracts with the University of Teramo.

#### Art. 8

# Unjustified interruption, suspension or renunciation

- 1. In case of unjustified interruption of the research activity, with Rector's Decree, upon request of the REP-EAT Coordinator, the forfeiture from the awarded research grant is declared.
- 2. On request of the awarded beneficiary, the activity and use of the research grant can be suspended by Rector's Decree in relation to maternity leave or to serious and documented illness lasting more than thirty days. Suspension periods must in any case fully recovered before the date for the public discussion of the doctoral thesis.
- 3. The awarded beneficiary who intends to renounce is obliged to notify his/her intention to the Coordinator of the REP-EAT project, who will declare the forfeiture. The fees paid for the period of activity referred to the research grant up to the date of forfeiture will not be affected.

#### Art. 9

# Payments and duties of the beneficiaries

The amount of the research grants is referred only to the EU component of the REP-EAT project budget.

Payments will be made on a monthly basis and after a monthly report of the implemented

A mid-term performance assessment will be made by the Project Coordinator, who will assess the quality of the research results and of the overall performance so to allow the continuation of the second term of the research period.

In case of not satisfactory assessment, research grants will be revoked.

At the end of the period, the awarded beneficiaries are required to submit to the Coordinator a scientific report of activities and results.















# Art. 10 Protection and processing of personal data

According to the EU 2016/679 Regulation, personal data will be processed by the University of Teramo for the exclusive purpose of managing this procedure in order to guarantee its security, integrity and confidentiality.

The data manager is the University of Teramo.

The provision of data is mandatory for the participation to this call.

Applicants are provided with detailed information about data treatment (Annex A).

Written authorization to data processing is also required.

Applications without the formal and signed authorization to data treatment won't be processed and the applicants will be excluded.

To exercise his/her rights according the Regulation EU 2016/679, the interested party has to contact the data protection officer at the University of Teramo who can be reached or by email: rdp@unite.it or sending a registered letter to the address: University of Teramo -Ufficio GDPR - via Renato Balzarini 1, 64100 Teramo.

This announcement and the awarding of the scholarship will be published and can be consulted in the Transparent Administration section of the University website.

The decree approving the ranking list and the awarded beneficiaries, together with the curriculum vitae of the selected applicants, will be published and can be consulted in the Transparent Administration section of the University website (dedicated area "Bandi di concorso").

# Art. 11 Responsible for the procedure

According to the art. 5 of Law 241/90 and subsequent amendments and additions, the person in charge of the procedure referred to this Call is the General Director of the e-mail: 0861/266214 tel. Rosalba Natale Teramo, Dr. University of direttoregenerale@unite.it















# Art. 12 Final Provisions

All information, changes, additions and communications relating to this notice and the selection procedure will be published on the University website: www.unite.it. in the University section / Competition notices.

In case of controversies, the official version of this Call is the one in Italian Language.

The Rector
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